



Great Falls Rescue Mission beacon

A newsletter for friends and donors of Great Falls Rescue Mission

Holiday 2022

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The best Christmas gift there is...

Cyra and her children

have a new life,
thanks to you!



“I now have the courage to step outside my comfort zone.”



Cyra was raised in a military family and broken home. After her parents' divorce, her mom's attention turned elsewhere while her father, a heavy drinker, remarried and became busy with his new life. "I was shuffled between households and discovered I'd get more attention by being 'bad' than good," she recalls.

Out on her own, she searched for love, but gave of herself time and time again to men who were emotionally unavailable. "I thought having children would create a bond, but it never did." To soothe her heartbreak, Cyra turned to drugs, and soon she was at risk of losing custody of her children.

Struggling with homelessness while trying to hold onto her kids, she wanted to change but didn't know how. "I surrounded myself with bad influences."

When she found out she was pregnant with her son, she knew it was finally time to put her shame to the side. **She made a call to Great Falls Rescue Mission, and that's when everything began to change for Cyra.**

"The staff at the Women's Shelter welcomed me with open arms," she shares, smiling. "They prayed with me – I felt hopeful and safe, right away."

Cyra completed the shelter program, then moved into our discipleship program. By the time she gave birth, she had a completely different outlook on parenting. "I'd lost what was comfortable – my old lifestyle – but I gained a son. And through Jesus, I even found the fatherly love I'd been missing."

“Where I am, where I've been, and where I'm going are all orchestrated by the

LORD.”

Thanks to what she's learned through our classes and counseling, Cyra has been reunited with her children. She's thriving, giving back to the Mission by leading Bible study, working with youth, and serving as a Team Lead. She hopes to become a supervisor here in the future. "I want to help others in the same way I was helped."

Cyra is excited to celebrate the restored hope she has been given this Christmas – and wants YOU to know just how grateful she is. "Being here, I've learned what God's love is all about, and it's perfect!"



Give 2X the help on GIVING TUESDAY

Tuesday, November 29

A Message from JIM MCCORMICK

The JOY that Comes from Christ

Don't you just love the words of John 1:14? *"The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us. We have seen His glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth."*

As we rejoice over the birth of our Savior, it's such a blessing to know God fills our hearts with joy everlasting – today and every day. His faithfulness sustains us through every circumstance and His grace offers renewal in our lives... as well as in the lives of those we serve.

While we do provide Christmas gifts to the guests in our care, what's most important is that they know about Jesus' sacrifice and the gift of salvation that is freely given to us all.

Thanks to your friendship, we're able to share the "good tidings of great joy for all people" during the holidays and throughout the year. Your fervent prayers and ongoing support help restore lives – and wrap local men, women and children in God's loving embrace.

Just like Cyra and her children, whose story we've shared on page 3, God still works miracles in the lives of people all around us.

This Christmas, I hope your heart overflows with peace, joy and love as your blessings abound.



"Jesus is the Reason
for the Season"

Jim McCormick
Executive Director

SHARE A CHRISTMAS MEAL...

You can help make this Christmas a time of celebration for our neighbors who are hungry and homeless. With so many obstacles to overcome during this season of hardship, they need a helping hand and to experience God's love!



\$1.89
for 1 hot meal



\$22.48
for 1 night of
safe shelter

**CAN GIVE
SOMEONE**



Please Send Your Christmas Gift Today!

\$40,000 Year-End Matching Challenge DOUBLE YOUR HELP!



Here's a huge blessing as we end this year: Thanks to a generous friend, **any gift you make until December 31 will be matched through our \$40,000 Matching Challenge!**

That's right... your gift today doubles to provide twice the food, shelter and care. And that means twice the hope for many of our neighbors who are struggling with inflation, soaring gas prices and other hardships.

DEADLINE TO GIVE: 12/31

✉ Add your special year-end gift to the reply card and send it today.

📄 Give online anytime at
greatfallsrescuemission.org.

**THANK YOU
for doubling your
impact during
our Matching
Challenge!**

**You transformed
hearts & lives this
year...**



“Before I came to the Mission, I had no idea what true friendship was all about. Since coming to the Mission, I’ve learned that – with God’s help – I can stay accountable to myself and others.” – Ben



“I am so grateful to the Mission because they’ve supported me on my spiritual walk through recovery.” – Sara

To read more stories of hope that YOU helped make possible, visit us at greatfallsrescuemission.org/get-involved/stories-of-hope/. Thank you for caring about those in need, and may God bless you this Christmas!

3 Easy Ways YOU Can Help this Christmas!

SERVE NOURISHING MEALS



You can feed our hungry neighbors by donating these foods to help prepare thousands of meals this holiday season. Please deliver them to **408 2nd Ave S, at the back door in the alley.**

turkeys & hams * boxes of stuffing * bags of potatoes * canned fruits and vegetables
* coffee, creamer & sugar



PROVIDE THE ESSENTIALS



You can offer our guests these essential items to keep them safe and comfortable during their time at the Mission.

408 2nd Ave S, 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

toiletries * paper towels * garbage bags * laundry detergent
* diapers & wipes * twin & double sheets
* standard pillows & pillowcases * blankets

DONATE GIFT CARDS



Donating gift cards from the following merchants helps purchase holiday gifts – and year-round necessities. Please mail them to **P.O. Box 129, Great Falls, MT, 59403** or drop them off at **408 2nd Ave S, East Entrance.**

Walmart * Target * Amazon * TJ Maxx * Ross
* Local businesses

Thank you for making this our best Christmas celebration yet!